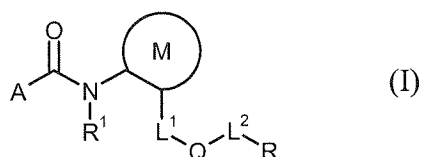


Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) ~~Carboxamides~~ A carboxamide of the formula (I)



in which

R¹ stands for hydrogen, C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl; C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkylthio, C₁-C₄ haloalkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₃-C₈ halocycloalkyl with 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, ~~and/or~~ bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case; or formyl, formyl-C₁-C₃-alkyl, (C₁-C₃-alkyl)carbonyl-C₁-C₃-alkyl, (C₁-C₃-alkoxy)carbonyl-C₁-C₃-alkyl; halo-(C₁-C₃-alkyl)carbonyl-C₁-C₃-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₃-alkoxy)carbonyl-C₁-C₃-alkyl with 1 to 13 fluorine, chlorine, ~~and/or~~ bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case; or

(C₁-C₈-alkyl)carbonyl, (C₁-C₈-alkoxy)carbonyl, (C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl)carbonyl, (C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl)carbonyl; (C₁-C₆-haloalkyl)carbonyl, (C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy)carbonyl, (halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl)carbonyl, (C₃-C₈-halocycloalkyl)carbonyl with 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, ~~and/or~~

bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case; or $-C(=O)C(=O)R^2$,
 $-CONR^3R^4$ or $-CH_2NR^5R^6$,

R^2 stands for hydrogen, C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl; C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 haloalkoxy, halo- C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_3 - C_8 halocycloalkyl with 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, ~~and/or~~ bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case,

R^3 and R^4 stand independently of one another in each case for hydrogen, C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl; C_1 - C_8 haloalkyl, halo- C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_3 - C_8 halocycloalkyl with 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, ~~and/or~~ bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case, or

R^3 and R^4 , ~~moreover,~~ form a substituted, saturated heterocycle with 5 to 8 ring atoms together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bound, with single or multiple, the same or various substitution by halogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, whereby the heterocycle can contain 1 or 2 additional, non-adjacent hetero atoms constituted by oxygen, sulfur or NR^7 ,

R^5 and R^6 stand independently of one another for hydrogen, C_1 - C_8 -alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl; C_1 - C_8 haloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 halocycloalkyl with 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, ~~and/or~~ bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case, or

R^5 and R^6 , ~~moreover,~~ form a substituted, saturated heterocycle with 5 to 8 ring atoms together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bound, with single or multiple, the same or various substitution by halogen or C_1 - C_4

alkyl, whereby the heterocycle can contain 1 or 2 additional, non-adjacent hetero atoms constituted by oxygen, sulfur or NR⁷,

R⁷ stands for hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl,

M ~~stands in each case for~~ is a phenyl, ~~pyridine or pyrimidine, pyridazine or pyrazine~~ ring with a single substitution by R⁸ ~~or for a thiazole ring substituted by R^{8-A},~~

R⁸ stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, isopropyl, methylthio or trifluoromethyl, or

R⁸ ~~also~~ stands for methoxy,

~~R^{8-A}—stands for hydrogen, methyl, methylthio or trifluoromethyl,~~

L¹ stands for C₁-C₁₀ alkylene (alkanediyl),

Q stands for O, S, SO, SO₂ or NR⁹,

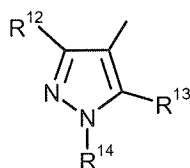
L² stands for a direct link, SiR¹⁰R¹¹ or CO,

R stands for hydrogen, C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₁-C₈ alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₂-C₈ alkenyl, C₂-C₈ alkynyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkenyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkynyl or C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl,

R⁹ stands for hydrogen, C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₂-C₈ alkenyl, C₂-C₈ alkynyl, C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkenyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkynyl or C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl,

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ stand independently of one another for hydrogen, C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₁-C₈ alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl or C₁-C₆ haloalkyl,

A ~~stands for the~~ is a group of the formula (A1)



(A1), in which

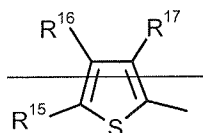
R¹² stands for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, nitro, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₄ alkylthio, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkoxy or C₁-C₄ haloalkylthio, in each case with 1 to 5 halogen atoms, aminocarbonyl or aminocarbonyl-C₁-C₄-alkyl,

R¹³ stands for hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy or C₁-C₄ alkylthio,

R¹⁴ stands for hydrogen, ~~[[C]]~~ C₁-C₄ alkyl, hydroxy-C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylthio-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl in each case with 1 to 5 halogen atoms, or phenyl,

~~or~~

~~A~~ ~~stands for the~~ group of the formula (A2)



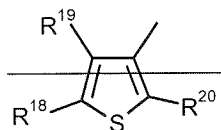
(A2), in which

~~R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ stand independently of one another for hydrogen, halogen,
C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen atoms,~~

~~R¹⁷ stands for halogen, cyano or C₁-C₄ alkyl, or C₁-C₄ haloalkyl or C₁-
C₄ haloalkoxy with 1 to 5 halogen atoms in each case,~~

~~or~~

~~A stands for the group of the formula (A3)~~



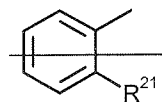
(A3), in which

~~R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ stand independently of one another for hydrogen, halogen,
C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen atoms,~~

~~R²⁰ stands for hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ haloalkyl with
1 to 5 halogen atoms,~~

~~or~~

~~A stands for the group of the formula (A4)~~

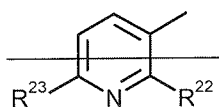


(A4), in which

R^{21} — ~~stands for hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₄
haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy or C₁-C₄-haloalkylthio in each case
with 1 to 5 halogen atoms,~~

or

A — ~~stands for the group of the formula (A5)~~



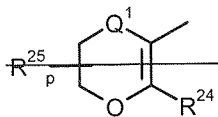
(A5), in which

R^{22} — ~~stands for halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-
C₄-alkylthio, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkylthio or C₁-C₄
haloalkoxy in each case with 1 to 5 halogen atoms,~~

R^{23} — ~~stands for hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy,
C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy in each case
with 1 to 5 halogen atoms, C₁-C₄-alkylsulfinyl or C₁-C₄
alkylsulfonyl,~~

or

A — ~~stands for the group of the formula (A6)~~



(A6), in which

~~R²⁴—stands for C₁-C₄-alkyl or C₁-C₄-haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen
atoms,~~

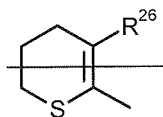
~~R²⁵—stands for C₁-C₄-alkyl,~~

~~Q⁺—stands for S (sulfur), SO, SO₂ or CH₂,~~

~~p—stands for 0, 1 or 2, whereby R²⁵—stands for identical or various
groups if p is 2,~~

or

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A7)~~

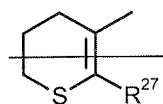


~~(A7), in which~~

~~R²⁶—stands for C₁-C₄-alkyl or C₁-C₄-haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen
atoms,~~

or

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A8)~~

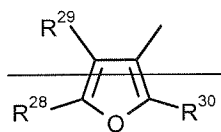


~~(A8), in which~~

~~R²⁷—stands for C₁-C₄-alkyl or C₁-C₄-haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen
atoms,~~

or

A—stands for the group of the formula (A9)



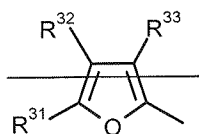
(A9), in which

R²⁸ and R²⁹ stand independently of one another for hydrogen, halogen,
amino, C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen atoms,

R³⁰—stands for hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ haloalkyl with
1 to 5 halogen atoms,

or

A—stands for the group of the formula (A10)



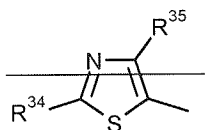
(A10), in which

R³¹ and R³² stand independently of one another for hydrogen, halogen,
amino, nitro, C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen
atoms,

R³³—stands for hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ haloalkyl with
1 to 5 halogen atoms,

or

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A11)~~



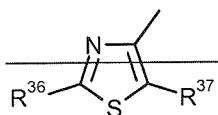
~~(A11), in which~~

~~R³⁴—stands for hydrogen, halogen, amino, C₁-C₄-alkylamino, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, cyano, C₁-C₄-alkyl or C₁-C₄-haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen atoms,~~

~~R³⁵—stands for halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl or C₁-C₄-haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen atoms,~~

~~or~~

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A12)~~



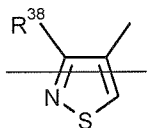
~~(A12), in which~~

~~R³⁶—stands for hydrogen, halogen, amino, C₁-C₄-alkylamino, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, cyano, C₁-C₄-alkyl or C₁-C₄-haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen atoms,~~

~~R³⁷—stands for halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl or C₁-C₄-haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen atoms,~~

~~or~~

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A13)~~

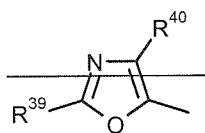


~~(A13), in which~~

~~R³⁸—stands for halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ haloalkyl with 1 to 5
halogen atoms,~~

~~or~~

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A14)~~



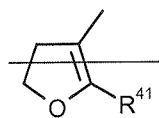
~~(A14), in which~~

~~R³⁹—stands for hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl,~~

~~R⁴⁰—stands for halogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl,~~

~~or~~

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A15)~~

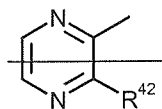


~~(A15), in which~~

~~R⁴¹—stands for C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen
atoms,~~

or

A—stands for the group of the formula (A16)

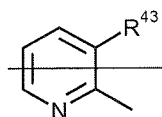


(A16), in which

R⁴²—stands for hydrogen, halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ haloalkyl with
1 to 5 halogen atoms,

or

A—stands for the group of the formula (A17)

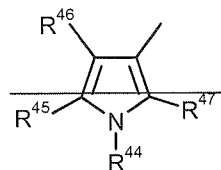


(A17), in which

R⁴³—stands for halogen, hydroxy, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, C₁-C₄
alkylthio, C₁-C₄ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkylthio or C₁-C₄
haloalkoxy with 1 to 5 halogen atoms in each case,

or

A—stands for the group of the formula (A18)



(A18), in which

R^{44} —stands for hydrogen, cyano, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen atoms, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, hydroxy C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylsulfonyl, di(C_1 - C_4 -alkyl)aminosulfonyl, C_1 - C_6 alkylcarbonyl or in each case possibly substituted phenylsulfonyl or benzoyl,

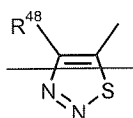
R^{45} —stands for hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or C_1 - C_4 -haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen atoms,

R^{46} —stands for hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen atoms,

R^{47} —stands for hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or C_1 - C_4 -haloalkyl with 1 to 5 halogen atoms,

or

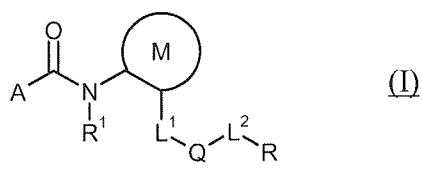
A—stands for the group of the formula (A19)



(A19), in which

R^{48} —stands for C_1 - C_4 -alkyl.

2. (Currently amended) Carboxamides A carboxamide of the formula (I) according to Claim 1, in which R does not stand for alkoxy, if L² stands for a direct link



in which when L^2 is a direct link, R is hydrogen, C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylthio- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_2 - C_8 alkenyl, C_2 - C_8 alkynyl, C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl, C_2 - C_6 haloalkenyl, C_2 - C_6 haloalkynyl or C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl.

3. (Currently amended) ~~Carboxamides~~ A carboxamide of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 or 2, in which

R^1 stands for hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkylsulfinyl, C_1 - C_4 alkylsulfonyl, C_1 - C_3 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl; C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkylthio, C_1 - C_4 haloalkylsulfinyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkylsulfonyl, halo- C_1 - C_3 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl, C_3 - C_8 halocycloalkyl with 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, ~~and/or~~ bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case; or formyl, formyl- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl, (C_1 - C_3 -alkyl)carbonyl- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl, (C_1 - C_3 -alkoxy)carbonyl- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl; halo-(C_1 - C_3 -alkyl)carbonyl- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl, halo-(C_1 - C_3 -alkoxy)carbonyl- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl with 1 to 13 fluorine, chlorine, ~~and/or~~ bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case; or

(C_1 - C_6 alkyl)carbonyl, (C_1 - C_4 alkoxy)carbonyl, (C_1 - C_3 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl)carbonyl, (C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl)carbonyl; (C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl)carbonyl, (C_1 - C_4 haloalkoxy)carbonyl, (halo- C_1 - C_3 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl)carbonyl, (C_3 - C_6 halocycloalkyl)carbonyl with 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, ~~and/or~~

bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case; or $-C(=O)C(=O)R^2$,
 $-CONR^3R^4$ or $-CH_2NR^5R^6$,

R^2 stands for hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, C_1 - C_3 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl; C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkoxy, halo- C_1 - C_3 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl, C_3 - C_6 halocycloalkyl with 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case,

R^3 and R^4 stand independently of one another in each case for hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_3 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl; C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, halo- C_1 - C_3 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_3 -alkyl, C_3 - C_6 halocycloalkyl with 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case, or

R^3 and R^4 , ~~moreover,~~ form a substituted, saturated heterocycle with 5 to 8 ring atoms together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bound, with single or multiple, the same or various substitution by halogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, whereby the heterocycle can contain 1 or 2 additional, non-adjacent hetero atoms constituted by oxygen, sulfur or NR^7 ,

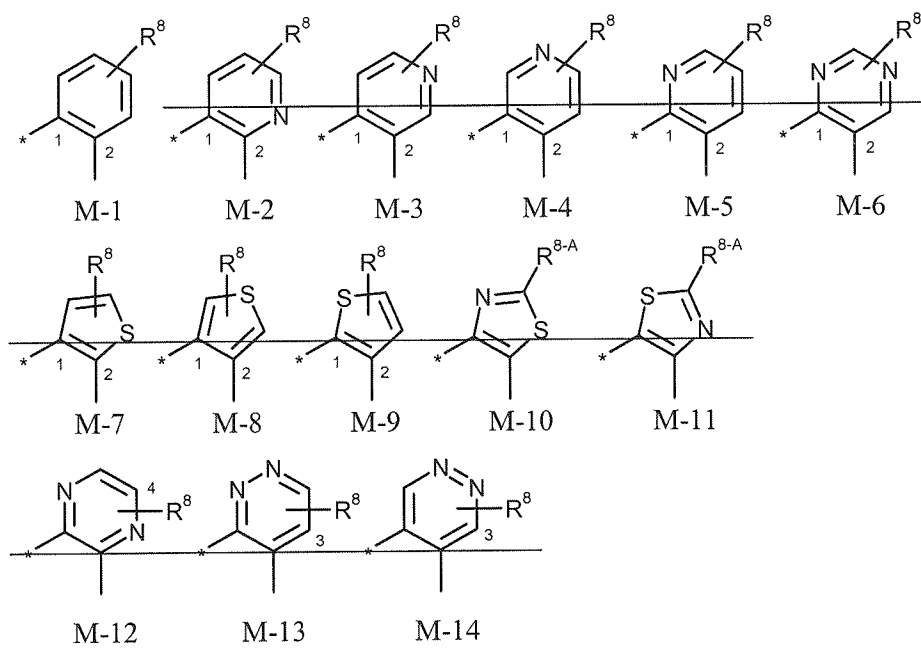
R^5 and R^6 stand independently of one another for hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl; C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl, C_3 - C_6 halocycloalkyl with 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case, or

R^5 and R^6 , ~~moreover,~~ form a substituted, saturated heterocycle with 5 to 8 ring atoms together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bound, with single or multiple, the same or various substitution by halogen or C_1 - C_4

alkyl, whereby the heterocycle can contain 1 or 2 additional, non-adjacent hetero atoms constituted by oxygen, sulfur or NR⁷,

R⁷ stands for hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl,

M stands for ~~one of the following cycles~~



whereby the bond marked with an asterisk is linked to the amide,

R⁸ stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, isopropyl, methylthio or trifluoromethyl, or

R⁸ also stands for methoxy,

~~R^{8-A} stands for hydrogen, methyl, methylthio or trifluoromethyl,~~

L¹ stands for C₁-C₁₀ alkylene (alkanediyl),

Q stands for O, S, SO, SO₂ or NR⁹,

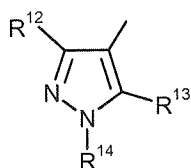
L² stands for a direct link, SiR¹⁰R¹¹ or CO,

R stands for hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkylthio-C₁-C₃-alkyl or C₁-C₄ haloalkyl or C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl,

R⁹ stands for hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-alkylthio-C₁-C₃-alkyl or C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl,

R¹⁰ and R¹¹ stand independently of one another preferably for C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl or C₁-C₃-alkylthio-C₁-C₃-alkyl,

A stands for the group of the formula (A1)



(A1), in which

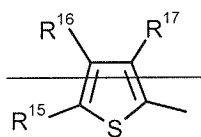
R¹² stands for hydrogen, cyano, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, cyclopropyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy in each case with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine, ~~and/or~~ bromine atoms, or combinations thereof, trifluoromethylthio, difluoromethylthio, aminocarbonyl, aminocarbonylmethyl or aminocarbonylethyl,

R¹³ stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio or ethylthio,

R^{14} stands for hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine, ~~and/or~~ bromine atoms, or combinations thereof, hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl or phenyl,

~~or~~

~~A stands for the group of the formula (A2)~~



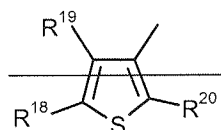
~~(A2), in which~~

~~R^{15} and R^{16} stand independently of one another for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl or C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,~~

~~R^{17} stands for fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, methyl, ethyl, C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl or C_1 - C_2 haloalkoxy in each case with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,~~

~~or~~

~~A stands for the group of the formula (A3)~~



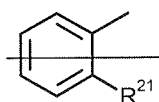
~~(A3), in which~~

~~R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ stand independently of one another for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,~~

~~R²⁰ stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,~~

~~or~~

~~A stands for the group of the formula (A4)~~

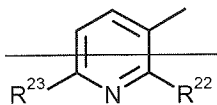


~~(A4), in which~~

~~R²¹ stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, hydroxy, cyano, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy or C₁-C₂ haloalkylthio in each case with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,~~

~~or~~

~~A stands for the group of the formula (A5)~~



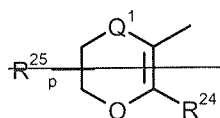
~~(A5), in which~~

R^{22} — stands for fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, hydroxy, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, difluoromethylthio, trifluoromethylthio, C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl or C_1 - C_2 haloalkoxy in each case with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

R^{23} — stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, cyano, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl or C_1 - C_2 haloalkoxy in each case with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms, C_1 - C_2 alkylsulfinyl or C_1 - C_2 alkylsulfonyl,

or

A — stands for the group of the formula (A6)



(A6), in which

R^{24} — stands for methyl, ethyl or C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

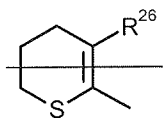
R^{25} — stands for methyl or ethyl,

Q^1 — stands for S (sulfur), SO_2 or CH_2 ,

p — stands for 0 or 1,

or

A—stands for the group of the formula (A7)

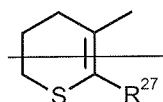


(A7), in which

R^{26} —stands for methyl, ethyl or C_1 - C_2 -haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine,
chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

or

A—stands for the group of the formula (A8)

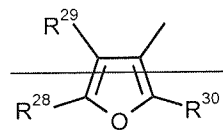


(A8), in which

R^{27} —stands for methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethyl,
difluorochloromethyl or trichloromethyl,

or

A—stands for the group of the formula (A9)



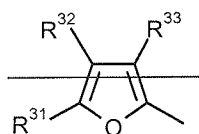
(A9), in which

R^{28} and R^{29} stand independently of one another for hydrogen, fluorine,
chlorine, bromine, amino, methyl, ethyl or C_1 - C_2 -haloalkyl with 1
to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

R^{30} —stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, methyl, ethyl or C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

or

A—stands for the group of the formula (A10)



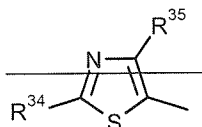
(A10), in which

R^{31} and R^{32} stand independently of one another for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, amino, nitro, methyl, ethyl or C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

R^{33} —stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl or C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

or

A—stands for the group of the formula (A11)



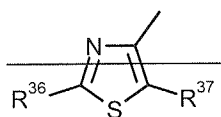
(A11), in which

~~R³⁴—stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, amino, C₁-C₄
alkylamino, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, cyano, methyl, ethyl or C₁-C₂
haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms;~~

~~R³⁵—stands for fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl or C₁-C₂
haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms;~~

~~or~~

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A12)~~



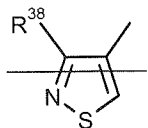
~~(A12), in which~~

~~R³⁶—stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, amino, C₁-C₄
alkylamino, di(C₁-C₄-alkyl)amino, cyano, methyl, ethyl or C₁-C₂
haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms;~~

~~R³⁷—stands for fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl or C₁-C₂
haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms;~~

~~or~~

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A13)~~

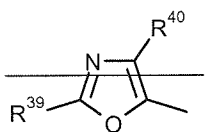


~~(A13), in which~~

~~R³⁸—stands for fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl or C₁-C₂
haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,~~

~~or~~

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A14)~~



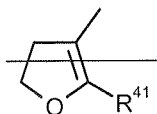
~~(A14), in which~~

~~R³⁹—stands for hydrogen, methyl or ethyl,~~

~~R⁴⁰—stands for fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl or ethyl,~~

~~or~~

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A15)~~

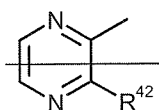


~~(A15), in which~~

~~R⁴¹—stands for methyl, ethyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine,
chlorine and/or bromine atoms,~~

~~or~~

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A16)~~

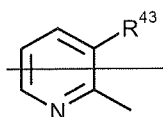


(A16), in which

~~R⁴²—stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl or
C₁-C₂ haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine
atoms,~~

~~or~~

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A17)~~

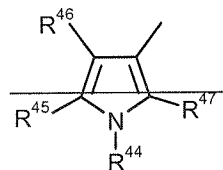


(A17), in which

~~R⁴³—stands for fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, hydroxy, C₁-C₄
alkyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, difluoromethylthio,
trifluoromethylthio, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkoxy in each
case with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,~~

~~or~~

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A18)~~



(A18), in which

~~R⁴⁴—stands for hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, C₁-C₂ haloalkyl with 1 to 5
fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms, C₁-C₄-alkoxy C₁-C₄-
alkyl, hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, methylsulfonyl or
dimethylaminosulfonyl,~~

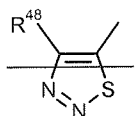
~~R⁴⁵—stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl or
C₁-C₂ haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine
atoms,~~

~~R⁴⁶—stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, cyano,
methyl, ethyl, isopropyl or C₁-C₂ haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine,
chlorine and/or bromine atoms,~~

~~R⁴⁷—stands for hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl or
C₁-C₂ haloalkyl with 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine
atoms,~~

~~or~~

~~A—stands for the group of the formula (A19)~~

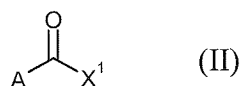


~~(A19), in which~~

~~R⁴⁸—stands for methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or isopropyl.~~

4. (Currently amended) A process for synthesizing ~~the carboxamides~~ a carboxamide of the formula (I) according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising

- (a) reacting a carboxylic acid ~~derivatives the~~ derivative of formula (II)

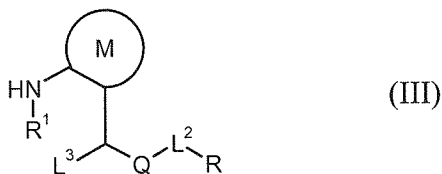


in which

A ~~has the meanings specified above~~ is as defined in claim 1 and

X¹ stands for halogen or hydroxy,

~~are reacted with an aniline derivatives~~ derivative of the formula (III)



in which

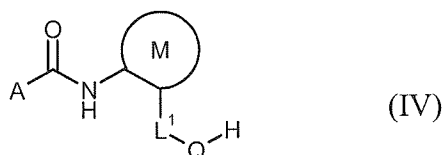
R¹, M, Q, L² and R ~~have the meanings specified above,~~ are as defined in claim 1 and

L³ stands for hydrogen or C₁-C₉ alkyl,

~~possibly optionally~~ in the presence of a catalyst, ~~possibly optionally~~ in the presence a condensation agent, ~~possibly optionally~~ in the presence of an acid binder and ~~possibly optionally~~ in the presence of a diluent,

or

(b) ~~carboxamides~~ reacting a carboxamide of the formula (IV)



in which M, L¹, Q and A ~~have the meanings specified above~~ are as defined in claim 1

~~are reacted~~ with a compound of the formula (V),



in which

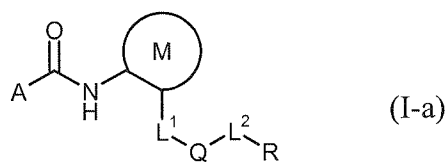
L² and R ~~have the meanings specified above~~ are as defined in claim 1 and

Y stands for halogen, triflate (trifluoromethylsulfonyl), mesylate (methylsulfonyl) or tosylate (4-methylphenylsulfonyl),

in the presence of a base and in the presence of a dilution medium,

or

(c) ~~carboxamides~~ reacting a carboxamide of the formula (I-a)



in which M, L¹, Q, L², R and A have the meanings specified above are defined in claim 1,

~~are reacted~~ with ~~halides~~ a halide of the formula (VI)



in which

X² stands for chlorine, bromine or iodine,

R^{1-A} stands for C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl; C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkylthio, C₁-C₄ haloalkylsulfinyl, C₁-C₄ haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₃-C₈ halocycloalkyl with 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, ~~and/or~~ bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case; formyl, formyl-C₁-C₃-alkyl, (C₁-C₃-alkyl)carbonyl-C₁-C₃-alkyl, (C₁-C₃-alkoxy)carbonyl-C₁-C₃-alkyl; halo-(C₁-C₃-alkyl)carbonyl-C₁-C₃-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₃-alkoxy)carbonyl-C₁-C₃-alkyl with 1 to 13 fluorine, chlorine, ~~and/or~~ bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case;

(C₁-C₈ alkyl)carbonyl, (C₁-C₈ alkoxy)carbonyl, (C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl)carbonyl, (C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl)carbonyl; (C₁-C₆ haloalkyl)carbonyl,

(C₁-C₆ haloalkoxy)carbonyl, (halo-C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl)carbonyl,
(C₃-C₈ halocycloalkyl)carbonyl with 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, ~~and/or~~
bromine atoms, or combinations thereof in each case; or -C(=O)C(=O)R²,
-CONR³R⁴ or -CH₂NR⁵R⁶,

whereby R², R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ ~~have the meanings specified above~~ are as defined
in claim 1,

in the presence of a base and in the presence of a dilution medium.

5. (Currently amended) ~~Media for combating undesirable microorganisms,~~
~~characterized by containing~~ A composition comprising at least one carboxamide
of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 ~~together with extenders and/or surface-~~
~~active materials~~ and one or more extenders, surface active materials, or
combinations thereof.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently amended) ~~Processes~~ A process for combating undesired
microorganisms, ~~characterized in that carboxamides comprising~~ applying a
carboxamide of the formula (I) according to claim 1 ~~are applied to~~

microorganisms, ~~and/or~~ their environment, or a combination thereof in
accordance with Claim 1.

8. (Currently amended) ~~Processes for synthesizing materials~~ A process for preparing
a composition to combat undesired microorganisms, ~~characterized in that~~
~~carboxamides comprising mixing a carboxamide~~ of the formula (I) according to
claim 1 with one or more extenders, surface active materials, or combinations
thereof are mixed with extenders and/or surface active materials according to
Claim 1.
9. (Cancelled)